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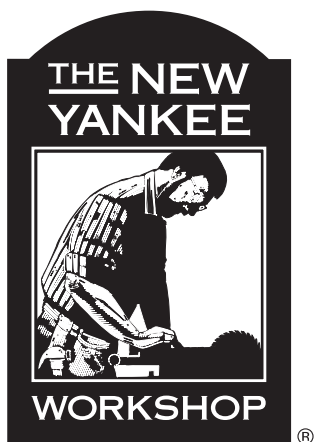
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Hosted by master carpenter, Norm Abram, *The New Yankee Workshop* has guided millions of viewers through the hands-on process of furniture making.

Since he was a boy, Norm has been perfecting his woodworking skills, as well as the craft of teaching and inspiring others to make beautiful creations from wood. From the confines of his small workshop, Norm offers step-by-step instructions for building furniture and other woodworking projects.

Now, Norm is back for season 18 of *The New Yankee Workshop*, and he continues to reproduce timeless classics while delivering series originals. Viewers have a surprise in store when Norm cashes in his wood chips for another kind and builds the ultimate table for America's latest rage—poker. These are just part of this season's collection of projects that will have woodworkers—from novice to expert—heading to their shops to get building. "This season is all about variety—something for everyone," explains host Norm Abram.

The season launches with a project that has been on Norm's mind for some time—the Colonial-style mantel. Tired of waking up to an unfinished brick and plaster wall in his master bedroom, Norm builds this piece to frame the room's fireplace. As always, Norm's detailed instruction brings this useful project within reach of most woodworkers.

For the season's highlighted project, Norm sets out to build the ideal poker table. Players everywhere will be inspired as he builds this eight-sided table of mahogany and mounts it on a sturdy pedestal. Rethinking the typical materials used for these tables, Norm instead uses modern substitutes, which lead to a much-improved update to the traditional poker table.

Viewers also join Norm to find out where he gets his ideas for projects. On a visit to the banks of Virginia's Rappahannock River, Norm finds some unusual white oak that's been submerged there for nearly 150 years. Back in the Workshop, he refines the timbers into an elegant, drop-leaved corner table. Later, Norm travels to the shores of Nantucket, where a pool house becomes the vision behind a storage shed that any homeowner would want.

Norm finds more inspiration in a designer show house, where he collects ideas for additional projects including the wall-hung console. No more complicated than a shelf, this mahogany piece is fastened to the wall with decorative brackets, and is the perfect solution for displaying vases, candles, lamps, and other objects in a narrow space. While in the show house, Norm discovers a handsome collection of bookcases built in the Greek Revival tradition, worthy of the finest volumes and most valued treasures.

Other episodes include *Router 101*, a two-part program featuring special tips for getting the most out of your router, *Workshop Helpers*, a collection of three projects for your shop, and the creation of a classic corner chair.

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